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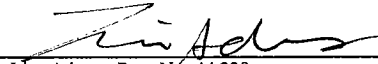
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**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2006.

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